

p.m. at St. Luke Methodist Church in Columbus, Georgia.

Paul Shelby Amos was born on April 23, 1926 in Enterprise, Alabama to the late John Shelby and Helen Mullins Amos. His father, the town postmaster, sold insurance on week-ends and served one term in the state legislature. Mr. Amos served in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1944 to 1946. He met his future wife, Jean, in church and they celebrated a remarkable 65 years of marriage in October of last year.

In 1955, the Amos brothers, Paul, John, and Bill founded American Family Life Insurance Company. In 1964, the name was changed to American Family Life Assurance Company of Columbus, later shortened to Aflac. In its first year of business, the company had 6,426 policyholders and \$388,000 in assets. Today, it is a Fortune 500 company insuring more than 50 million people worldwide and boasting more than \$121 billion in assets.

Aflac is the world's largest supplemental insurance company and is an industry leader in Japan, where the company generates about three-quarters of its revenues. Soon after its founding, Aflac introduced a groundbreaking policy aimed at covering expenses for people with cancer. Mr. Amos is credited with introducing "worksites marketing," where products are sold directly to employees at companies through payroll deductions.

Mr. Paul, as he was known within the company, held numerous positions at the firm. He served as state sales manager for Alabama/West Florida, the first Vice President/Director of Marketing, President, and Vice Chairman. In 1990, he became Chairman of Aflac Incorporated, and his son, Daniel P. Amos, became the CEO. Mr. Paul retired in 2001 but continued serving as Chairman Emeritus and visited the Aflac offices in Columbus on a daily basis, where he was loved and respected by all. His legacy is still carried on by his son, Dan, and his grandson, Aflac President Paul Amos II.

Mr. Amos put as much love and effort into serving his community as he did into his work at Aflac. He and his wife set up several educational funds and scholarship programs, including the Paul S. Amos Family Foundation at Columbus State University in Columbus, the Paul and Jean Amos Educational Fund at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky and the Scholarship Fund at Cumberland College in Williamsburg, Kentucky. Through these programs and many anonymous donations, Mr. Amos and his wife have changed the lives of thousands of people.

Mr. Amos has received much recognition for his work at Aflac and in the community. He received an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Cumberland College in 2001; an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Columbus State University in 2002; and an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Asbury Theological Seminary in 2004.

George Washington Carver once said, "No individual has any right to come into the world and go out of it without leaving behind distinct and legitimate reasons for having passed through it." We are all so blessed that Mr. Paul Amos, a great man of incredible compassion and integrity, passed this way and during his life's journey did so much for so many for so long. He leaves behind a great legacy in service to his beloved family and to all those whose lives he touched through his kindness and generosity. He will truly be missed.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me, my wife, Vivian, and the more than 700,000 residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District in paying tribute to Mr. Paul Amos for his outstanding contributions to his community. We extend our deepest sympathies to his family, friends and loved ones during this difficult time and we pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN C. WAGNER

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. John C. Wagner of Knoxville, TN, who this week received special recognition from the Department of Energy for exceptional research in nuclear energy.

The Ernest Orlando Lawrence Award has recognized esteemed scientists for the past fifty-four years, celebrating notable achievements and discoveries within the scientific community. Administered by the Department of Energy, the Lawrence Award is given to mid-career scientists and engineers for their exceptional contributions in research and development supporting the DOE and its mission to advance the national, economic, and energy security of the United States. The 2014 winner of the E.O. Lawrence Award in Computer, Information, and Knowledge Sciences is Oak Ridge National Laboratory's John C. Wagner.

Dr. Wagner is the Manager for Used Fuel Systems at Oak Ridge National Laboratory and serves as National Technical Director for the Department of Energy Office of Nuclear Energy's Nuclear Fuels Storage and Transportation Planning project. He joined Oak Ridge in 1999 as an R&D Staff Member to pursue his research in the area of hybrid radiation transport methods. His research interests include a wide range of issues associated with spent nuclear fuel storage, transportation, and disposal. Wagner was the original developer of computer codes that led to advanced hybrid transport methods. In 2012, he was elected a Fellow of the American Nuclear Society.

Dr. Wagner is being honored with this prestigious award for his contributions to computationally-based studies of radiation transport in real-world complex systems, including safety, radiation shielding, and nuclear reactor analysis. Wagner's research significantly advances the methodology used to obtain accurate predictive solutions to challenging problems ranging from civilian nuclear energy to the Nation's nuclear security. Mr. Wagner is a great asset to the scientific community and to the nation.

I want to thank Mr. Wagner for his years of dedicated service and his contributions to the safe and efficient use of nuclear energy and I wish him many more years of success.

RECOGNIZING MS. DOROTHY PARKER FOR HER 50 YEARS OF DEDICATED AND FAITHFUL SERVICE

HON. WILLIAM L. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dorothy Parker. I had the honor and privilege of working with Ms. Parker in Plattsburgh, NY for more than 30 years. She works hard every day, diligently and happily performing the tasks she is assigned.

This month will mark her 50th year at the firm where we both worked, she having started there on July 13, 1964. During her five decades at the firm, Ms. Parker earned the respect of all who came to trust and depend on her, including myself. She has guided many new staff and young lawyers, teaching us the ropes, if you will, with a smile and a gentle hand.

While working for the firm, Ms. Parker raised four children and now has six loving grandchildren for whom she is a dedicated grandparent.

Ms. Parker's employer, Stafford, Piller, Murnane, Kelleher and Trombley, will be recognizing her successful 50 year career later this month with a celebratory luncheon.

MARKING THE RETIREMENT OF DENNIS VAN ROEKEL

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a tireless champion for a quality education for all Americans, Dennis Van Roekel. When he retires as President of the National Education Association this month, he will be concluding decades of service as a teacher and advocate—a career dedicated to our children and the hard-working professionals who devote themselves to education. He leaves both NEA and our nation's schools and classrooms stronger for his leadership.

A graduate of the University of Iowa, Van Roekel holds a Master's Degree in math education from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff. For 23 years, he taught high school mathematics, building an intimate understanding of the challenges facing our children and our teachers.

This experience would serve as the foundation of his work to improve student learning and enhance the professionalism of education employees. It deepened his faith in the importance of public education and the right of all children, regardless of race, background or location, to a world-class education.

After holding key positions with NEA at all levels of the association, including two terms as Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer, Van Roekel was elected President in 2008. Shortly after taking office, he established the Commission on Effective Teachers and Teaching, a national, independent panel whose findings formed the basis of NEA's "Leading the Profession" plan to strengthen and empower teachers and students across America.